

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
March 11, 2010
Minutes**

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice Chair, Chris Kueffner, Secretary, Martha Kelly, Holly Matthews, Min Lin, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Griffin Deans, 4th grade student at Goodwin School shared video of invention of a bathtub book reading device. David Garvey, 104 Jonathan Lane, spoke in support of the one new elementary school option. He also suggested research merging oil, insurance, and special education with other districts.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mary Feathers presented the Report of the Building Committee. The report is an endorsement of Option D. The committee believes this option accomplishes objectives they were asked to accomplish.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Personnel Committee: Ms. Patwa reported that there will be an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss non-renewal of teachers and contract negotiations. EASTCONN Executive Board: Mrs. Paulhus reported that EASTCONN will host a summit on regionalization on April 1st.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Language Arts/Reading and Mathematics Update - Karen Moylan, Mathematics Consultant and Judy Shay, Reading/Language Arts Consultant reviewed fall district assessment scores and their implications.
- Office of Policy and Management Municipal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant – William Hammon, Director of Facilities Management reported on the grant award of \$97,040. The grant is for three projects: light bulbs replaced in all town buildings, energy management computer system, and replacement of maintenance shop boiler.
- Liberty Bank Grant Application –Jeff Cryan, Principal MMS reported on the grant application toward school goals of developing confident learners.
- Budget Process –Mr. Baruzzi discussed the town's budget review calendar for the 2010-2011 budget.
- Health Impact Project Funding –Mr. Baruzzi discussed the Eastern Highlands Health District letter of support
- Proposal to Provide a Clinical and Educational Services Analysis to the Mansfield, Ashford, Willington and Region 19 School Districts –Mr. Baruzzi reviewed the Futures Education proposal to provide a review of the special services programs and a broad organizational overview on the feasibility of consolidating special education services of the four districts.
- Draft Town of Mansfield Policy on Transparency and Open Government – The Board referred draft to Policy Committee for recommendation.
- Enhancing Student Achievement –Three new projects were reviewed and will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.
- Class Size/Enrollment – Mr. Baruzzi reviewed a change in the way MMS classrooms would be reported. The principals noted no significant changes this month.

School Building Project: Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance, presented financial information explaining the cost to taxpayers for each of the options. The Board asked questions and reviewed answers.

Mrs. Paulhus left at 10:20pm

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: **MOTION** by Ms. Patwa, seconded Ms. Matthews that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of March 11, 2010 be approved or received for the record: **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the February 11, 2010 Board meeting.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request for unpaid childrearing leave effective April 26 – November 2010 by Julie Hodgson, Mansfield Middle School Writing Center teacher.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Ms. Matthews to move into Executive Session at 10:52pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Ms. Matthews to return to open session at 11:10pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Ms. Matthews to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent regarding non-renewal of teachers. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Lin to adjourn at 11:11pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Kueffner, Secretary